REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the above-referenced application.

Claim 8 has amended to depend from a more correct claim, claim 3.

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004 wherein the Examiner rejected claim 8 under §112, second paragraph for indefiniteness, and rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7,10, 11, and 13-25 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being upatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,688,828. Claims 3, 5, 8, 9, and 12 have been allowed but for their dependency from a rejected claim, for which Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner.

Regarding the rejection to claim 8 under §112, second paragraph, it has been amended as indicated above to correct an oversight in the claim to which it depends from.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7,10, 11, and 13-25 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith to obviate the rejection.

In view of the amendment to claim 8 and the terminal disclaimer, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully submitted.

Should the Examiner finds it necessary to speak with Applicant's attorney, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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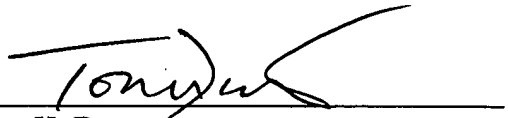
By 
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